

House Resolution No. 4226

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State public safety organizations that successfully enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of the services they provide; and

Whereas, Monarch Fire Protection District was established in 1957 as the Chesterfield Fire Protection District with three pieces of equipment, approximately twelve volunteers, and two engine houses; and

Whereas, the Monarch Fire Protection District can trace its roots back to 1925 when the Bellefontaine Volunteer Fire Department operated out of the Bellefontaine Motors business and was funded through the sale of household "fire tags" and through the proceeds obtained from an annual picnic; and

Whereas, today's Monarch Fire Protection District will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary on July 22, 2007, as an emergency-response organization that covers fifty-five square miles and serves more than 60,000 persons in Ballwin, Chesterfield, Clarkson Valley, Creve Coeur, Maryland Heights, Wildwood, and unincorporated Saint Louis County; and

Whereas, known as the Monarch Fire Protection District since November 2003, the District hired its first full-time employees in 1962 and placed its first ambulance in service during that same year; and

Whereas, the Monarch Fire Protection District has continued to grow by adding more engine houses, a training center, and an equipment maintenance building; and

Whereas, the Monarch Fire Protection District now is made up of 117 dedicated employees, including a Fire Chief, an Assistant Chief, a Chief Medical Officer, a Chief Training Officer, a Fire Marshal, Shift Battalion Chiefs, Captains, EMS Supervisors, an Assistant Fire Marshal, Firefighter Paramedics, Firefighter EMT's, Firefighters, Fire Inspectors, and other support personnel who last year responded to approximately 5,300 alarms:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Monarch Fire Protection District and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the establishment of their public safety organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Monarch Fire Protection District.

Offered by _____
Representative Neal St. Onge
District No. 88

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4226, adopted July 12, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker